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NOTES FROM MACAO.

(From Our Own Correspondent).

Macao, January 18.

The healthy spirit of equity which has tempered the altruistic policy of our Governor led him to another splendid step in the right direction, and a wave of happy reassurance has followed on the issue of a circular order from the Secretariat general to the effect that in all future appointments to vacant posts in the public offices preference should be given to the children of the soil. The local press commenting on the move, recalls the days when, in proud defiance of Spanish sway, this sequestered little spot alone stood out as a beacon of freedom while the banner of Castile fluttered over the Mother Country and her Sister Colonies; and how later in our day, just ten decades ago, the intrepid Captain Mesquita, by sheer daring, saved the Colony from the invader. The high and kin of this dashing saviour of his land, are now scattered far and wide over the Far East, forced from the land of their fathers to seek on alien shores the bread which is their birthright, eking out, in many a case, a most precarious existence, while all hope of even taking to the army has been grudged them.

The report of certain native uprisings at Timor, culled from Berlin cablegrams and which was chronicled about a fortnight ago by one of your contemporaries, has been belied by the army officers just arrived by the last mail from that post, who further affirm that all is now smooth going. The home papers have been teeming of late with thrilling accounts of hostile activity on the part of the Chinese, suggestive of a pending rupture in the Luo-Chinese relations. Rumors upon rumors have evidently gone to swell their columns in an abortive attempt at a general scare and even wits of inquiry have been recruited here from Portuguese India thereabout. As far as it lies within our ken, there has been so far nothing abnormal in the trend of affairs, beyond sinister flying rumors, to justify the reports which have echoed in the metropolis. Neither does the drift of the frontier delimitation negotiations point to any gloomy upshot which skilful diplomacy could not obviate.

The news of the rumored departure for home of Senhor Rogadas was heard with unforgotten regret by all. The climate of Macao has dealt ungenerously with her ladyship and in company with Miss Rogadas and little master Rogadas, she is leaving us by the French mail of 6th prox.

The new Commandant of the Artillery, Captain Pinto, arrived by the last English Mail and has taken over charge of the corps.

Captain J. M. da Rosa Jr., who is here on leave from the Timor active service forces, has issued a pamphlet outlining the scope of a projected League, the members of which are to devote themselves to the welfare and progress of the Colony. The multifarious aims of the body are succinctly defined from the very concise standpoint. The first meeting has been fixed for the evening of the 6th prox., and intending members are to send in their names till the 23rd inst. inclusive. It is proposed to establish branches at Hongkong, Shanghai, Canton and elsewhere, within a few months. His Excellency the Governor is said to have heartily approved of the scheme which he has promised to further as strenuously as possible.

Our theatrical fund is gradually swelling to a decent little figure and on Saturday evening the 16th inst. another very successful little triumph on its behalf was made by a small body of amateurs from among the crew of the tugboat "Rio Lima," who drew a packed house at the Club de Macao, making a very effective show in the serio-comic line. The garrison band very pleasantly filled the gaps between the three short one act pieces.

The thoroughfare in the Chinese quarters are waxing active and shops and stalls are gay with variegated novelties and quaint bric-a-brac. Visitors are thronging in from the neighbouring towns for the New Year and a couple of days ago the Hongkong boat brought over in one trip one thousand native passengers. The magnetic tables where fortunes are won or lost in no time have begun to attract foreign residents as well. Yesterday afternoon, it appeared that many were able to restrain no longer their eagerness to tempt Dame Fortune, and at the leading Fan-tan shops the presence of the gentle sex struck the first note to the yearly week's revel in hazard.

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of the HONGKONG BENEVOLENT
SOCIETY will be held at the CITY
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NETHERLANDS DEFENCES.

Great British and Holland.

The position of the Low Countries has
been a more or less constant subject of
anxiety to European statesmen engaged in
preserving the balance of power. Wedged
in between Prussia and France, the Low
Countries had small chance of enjoying any
sort of independence until the formation of
the modern States of Belgium and the
kingdom of Holland. The traditional
necessity of maintaining the United King-
dom as a first-class sea-Power has caused
the condition of the Low Countries to be
the object of much care on the part of
successive British Governments.

As early as the reign of Elizabeth we see
the genesis of that policy which ultimately
resulted in modern Belgium and Holland;
for Lord Burleigh designed the seventeen
provinces of Flanders to form a separate
State as a barrier against France and
Austria; but it was not until the first
part of the nineteenth century that Great
Britain, during the service of Castlereagh
assisted at the birth of a Netherlands
State, whose King took the title of King
of the Netherlands and Grand Duke of
Luxemburg.

To this, Belgium (as we know it to-day)
was yoked. The conditions imposed were
that the King should rule as a limited
Monarch, and that he should share with
Great Britain the debt of £4,200,000 then
owing by Russia to the Amsterdam banks.
The independence of Belgium was obtained
not without some difficulty; and a struggle
over Luxemburg, and finally over the
succession to it, has been continued down
to our own time. In practical politics this
Duchy has, however, remained hitherto a
part of the German Zollverein. Till 1866,
indeed, it was part of the German Con-
federation.

IMPORTANT TO ENGLAND.
The political and strategic importance to
England of maintaining the Low Countries
(whether as one or two States) in a position
of armed independence has been recognised
all through the nineteenth century, and
has on more than one occasion been the
subject of British action. Before the forma-
tion of the present German Empire and the
development of that Empire's resources,
the practical danger seemed to loom not
from Prussia but from France.

Thus the Belgian frontier was the im-
mediate subject of British concern. As
early as 1836, King Leopold I., whilst stay-
ing at Windsor, received a personal assu-
rance from King William IV. in these
words:—
"If ever France or any other Power
invades your country, it will be a question
of immediate war for England; we cannot
suffer that."

This, indeed, was but an assurance that
Great Britain's traditional policy was un-
changed in this matter, for Castlereagh had
actually contributed £5,000,000—being
Great Britain's share of France's indemnity
by the terms of the second Treaty of Paris,
November 20, 1815—to the Netherlands
Government for the purpose of strengthening
the Low-Country defences against
"any" neighbouring Power.

Turning to more recent times, England
was warned in 1904 that the strategic im-
portance of Dutch harbours had begun to
be the subject of menacing contemplation
in Germany, and Notes between London
and the Hague were exchanged at the
same time that Prussian disclaimers were
circulated broadcast in the German Press.

A DISQUIETING SITUATION.
To-day some recent utterances of a
Dutch statesman have revealed how dis-
quieting is the condition of the Netherlands
defences by land and sea, and how anxious
the Government of the country is to secure
some practical guarantee of its independ-
ence. Belgium, too, is not over strong,
but its mercantile position is better for
warding off foreign control in peace time,
and it can, if it choose, spend more money
on its defences, as will be seen from the
following figures:—

Belgium's trade is divided between
France and Germany (which States bound
it to the east and south) to the extent of
17 per cent., whilst 15 per cent. of its
commerce is with Great Britain. Its
National Debt is now about £124,000,000,
and its revenue nearly double that sum.
Far less satisfactory, from these aspects, is
the condition of Holland, whose National
Debt already tottles £296,000,000, whilst its
revenue is but £114,000,000, or less than a
sixth of the former sum. With regard to
its commerce, 85 per cent. is with Germany,
and only 16 per cent. with the United
Kingdom.

The present moment seems ripe for
giving to Holland that sense of security
which Belgium derives from France. In-
deed, it has oftentimes been categorically
stated, by eminent students of the ques-
tion, that Great Britain's ascendancy at sea
cannot be assured so long as the future of
Holland be dubious. From the other side
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26th instant, for China New Year Holiday.
E. A. HEWITT,
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Hongkong, January 20, 1909.

CHINESE NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

IN accordance with Government Notifica-
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the purpose of receiving the Report of the
Directors together with a Statement of
Accounts for the year ending 31st Decem-
ber, 1908.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

MOUWERY S. NORTHCOTE,
Secretary.
Hongkong, January 13, 1909.

THE WEST POINT BUILDING CO.,

NOTICE is hereby given that the
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Company will be held at the COMPANY'S
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the Report of the Directors together with
Statement of Accounts for the year ending
31st December, 1908.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
A. SHELTON HOOVER,
Secretary to THE HONGKONG LAND INVEST-
MENT AND AGENCY CO., LTD.,
General Agents for THE WEST POINT
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Hongkong, January 12, 1909.

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DAY, the 28th January, 1909, at 12 o'clock
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The REGISTER of SHARES of the
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DAY, the 19th January to THURSDAY,
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By Order of the Board of Directors,
A. SHELTON HOOVER,
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the purpose of receiving the Report of Directors
together with Statement of Accounts for
the Year ending 31st December, 1907.
The REGISTER of SHARES of the
Company will be CLOSED from 22nd
January to 28th January, (both days in-
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General Memoranda.
SATURDAY, JANUARY 23:—
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10 a.m.—Military Gun Practice.
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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27:—
Noon—Meeting of Hongkong Benevolent Society at City Hall.
THURSDAY, JANUARY 28:—
11.30 a.m.—Meeting of Hongkong Land Reclamation Co., Ltd., at Co.'s Offices.
11.30 a.m.—Meeting of The West Point Building Co., Ltd., at Co.'s Offices.
Noon—Meeting of Hongkong Land Investment & Agency Co., Ltd., at Co.'s Offices.
2.30 p.m.—Auction of Household Furniture, etc., at No. 6, Victoria View, Kowloon.
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The China Mail.
HONGKONG, THURSDAY, JANUARY 21, 1909.
THE SANITARY BOARD.
The return of Mr. SEYMOUR HOOPER at the head of the poll on Wednesday can be taken as an emphatic expression of public approval of his work on the Sanitary Board during the past three years. Such a vote must be very gratifying and will undoubtedly prove an incentive to further efforts in the same direction. Though Mr. HENRY HAMPREY, in his valedictory speech on Tuesday, took leave of the Board without on the whole regret, owing to its powers having, as he said, been whittled down to almost nothing by the new Building Ordinance, we think that there is still plenty of work which it can profitably discharge for the public good. It all depends on the manner in which the unofficial members view their duties and responsibilities. Mr. SEYMOUR HOOPER has demonstrated both on the Board and on the late Sanitary Commission that he has a lofty conception of the possibilities of the position and that in his

hands public interests are furthered as well as efficiently safeguarded. The Sanitary Board as at present constituted is far from meeting the wishes and desires of the ratepayers of Hongkong, its powers being too cramped and limited, while the predominant official element robs it of much public regard. Still it is better than nothing at all and may be it will serve as the precursor of a more efficient state of things to come. It really rests with the unofficial members to demonstrate that the time has arrived when greater powers can be delegated to the Board and a wider area of usefulness thrown open to it. Personally we think this has been demonstrated to the full of late, but the official mind is very hard to convince on such a matter. The Building Authority has undoubtedly usurped a good deal of the Board's legitimate functions, but much still remains for it to do. By its actions during the past year it has done much to restore the confidence of Chinese property-holders, a confidence which had been rudely shaken, while there can be little doubt that to Messrs. HOOPER and HOOPER particularly is largely due the restored credit which the Board now generally enjoys in the public mind. Mr. PENNY SMITH, one of the defeated candidates, laid stress in his election address on the financial side of the Board's work. It was an important point to raise, especially at this time when the Colony is faced with a big deficit in its public revenue. In the past the Sanitary Department has been one of the most reckless spendthrifts in the public service and even now the general body of ratepayers view its spending proclivities with distrust. We hope that the newly elected unofficial members will bear this in mind and in the course of time develop some rational system of scrutiny into the Board's accounts that will satisfy the ratepayers that their money is not being heedlessly squandered. Thorough efficiency combined with rigid economy should be the motto of Messrs. HOOPER and FRIZWILLIAMS during the coming three years of public service, and from what we know of them we think that in this respect they will not be found wanting.

NEWS OF THE DAY.
The Budget expert of a leading Liberal journal at Home proposes to raise £22,000,000 by a penny tax on the capital value of land.
There was again a crowded house at Harrison's Circus on Wednesday evening and the programme was greatly enjoyed.
Mr. Wilbur Wright, in an aeroplane ascent at Le Mans, France, covered 61½ miles in 1 hour 54 minutes. The aeroplane covered a portion of the distance at a height of 400 feet.
Two leading doctors in Paris have reported to the Anti-Cancer League that they have used radium for the cure of cancer, and that in three years there have been six failures in 62 cases.
Mr. Haldane, speaking at Gullane, at the beginning of January, scouted the fears of a surprise invasion. With the Reserves we had now a force of 320,000 Regulars, and could mobilise four divisions by touching a button. Our total defensive force, including Territorials, numbered 627,000.
The work which Gen. Kuropatkin has written on the late war with Japan is finished, and is in six volumes. He sent the six volumes to the Minister of War, with the request that he would lay the volumes before the Tsar. The work bears the following inscription:—"As a Russian soldier I have written the truth about everything. If any error is found in the work, then I beg you to condemn me." Hitherto only five volumes have been issued, and they were supposed to have been kept in great secrecy by the Headquarters Staff, however, about a hundred copies of the first three volumes managed to find their way into the hands of various prominent dignitaries. The extracts, which have been published in the foreign Press of late, were taken from the second volume.
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NEWS OF THE DAY.
The French Posts and Telegraphs Commission, in its report to the Chamber of Deputies, recommends penny postage with England.

The Court of Appeal has dismissed the appeal of the Admiralty from the decision of the President of the Admiralty Division holding the Gladiator to be alone to blame for the disastrous collision with the St. Paul.

News has been received in New York that Russian oil producers are about to make a determined effort to gain trade in China and Japan. It is said that a gigantic oil pipe line is to be constructed from the Caucasian oil-fields to a point on the Persian Gulf, whence it can be shipped to Asiatic markets and sold at prices which will make competition impossible.

Mr. Henniker Heaton, M.P., has informed the President of the Liverpool Chamber of Commerce that there will not be the least difficulty in reducing the cable rates from 50 to 75 per cent., owing to powerful pressure being brought to bear on cable companies and foreign Governments; also owing to the action of the Imperial Government in regard to the construction of State-owned cables.

A lady missionary recently left Orydon, England, for Qu Lu, on the West Coast of Africa, taking with her a large assortment of dolls to give to native girls. On arrival, however, the missionaries already there decided that the intended gifts should not be distributed, "because the instinct of worship would in all probability exalt the dolls to the position of idols." So they are all being sent back to England.

A London paper hears that, owing to a new and interesting discovery, a valuable addition has been made to the equipment of our submarines. This is a signalling apparatus, by which these vessels will be able to communicate with each other when under water, a fact which will greatly increase their effectiveness. The principle adopted is the utilisation of sound, and the value of the invention is increased by the fact that the sound does not travel to the surface.

The extraordinary activity which prevails in Liberal organisations from one end of the country to the other, says an exchange, indicates that whenever the general election comes the Government party managers are determined that their house shall be found in order. The entire Liberal organisation is undergoing a complete revision. The keynote of the new plans is the concentration of Liberal forces within eleven areas, each area to have its own Liberal federation, and in five of these the organisation of the federations has already been completed. London is to have an organisation all its own.

The Convention Port has authority for the announcement that the construction of the long-projected transmanic railway between the termini of Mzesh and Vladikaykas, a distance of about 120 miles, has now been finally decided on, and will be commenced, probably, in the spring of next year. This enterprise involves the piercing of the lofty Caucasian range by a tunnel a little over 14 miles (21 versts) in length. This will be the longest tunnel in the world, the Simplon, which now holds that distinction, being a little over 12½ miles long. The work of construction will occupy about ten years, and the cost is computed at £4,600,000.

Professor Bernard Hantzsch, the well-known Dresden ornithologist, has now completed his plans for the explorations of Eastland, a large island west of Davis Strait, in the Arctic regions. The Professor will leave Europe early this spring. Arrangements have been made with a Scotch whaling firm to convey the expedition to Cumberland Gulf. On its arrival at the Gulf Esquimaux will be engaged to accompany the expedition into the interior. The Professor intends to make a sledge journey around the island, taking scientific observations, charting, &c. Esquimaux report several lakes in the interior, on the shores of which large numbers of birds congregate. Should this prove correct a lengthy stay will be made to collect specimens. The trip is expected to last two years. The Canadian Government is allowing all the stores to enter Eastland free of duty. The bulk of the stores and equipment will be purchased in England.

The announcement, emanating from Italy, that the Duke of Abruzzi had decided upon a climbing expedition on the Himalayas has not come altogether as a surprise to geographical circles in London. It has for some time been known that the Duke was ambitious of accomplishing what was to reach the top of one of the highest peaks in the Himalaya range. Mount Everest, the highest mountain in the world, is mentioned in connection with the dual expedition, but the political reasons which have so long proved a barrier to all attempts, even when supported by powerful influences, at reaching the base of this mountain from India are still in force, and it is more than doubtful whether permission would be given to anyone other than to enter Nepal or pass into Tibet from India for the purpose of climbing Mount Everest. It remains to be seen whether this official attitude would be relaxed in favour of the Duke of Abruzzi.

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NEWS OF THE DAY.
The year 1327 of the Mahomedan era begins on Saturday.

The master of the *Xuefeng* was fined \$15 at the Marine Court, to-day, by Commander Basil Taylor, R.N., for failing to stop when called upon to do so by the police.

At the Magistrate's day, before Mr. J. R. Wood, Chi Mon Hin, Comptroller to Messrs. Marty and Co., charged his servant, Wong Chun Man, with stealing \$1,321. Mr. Crowther Smith, from the office of Messrs. D'Almeida and Smith, appeared for defendant; and the case was remanded.

Among the recent naval appointments appear the names of the following as surgeons:—W. E. Ormsby, to the *Tamara*; additional, for dockyard duties; P. F. Minett, to the *Tamara*; C. Ross, to the *Woodlark*; G. B. Scott, to the *Nightingale*; C. R. M. Baker, to the *Sandpiper*; to date Dec. 22.

The proprietor of the Alexandra Cinematograph, Zetland Street, intends giving a benefit evening on Wednesday next in aid of the University Fund. The entertainment will be of a high-class character and the films to be shown have been specially selected. The programme will include a novelty in the form of a number of musical selections by the compressed air machine, which is being heard for the first time in the Colony.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

His Excellency M. S. Nagasaki was a passenger by the s.s. *Tamba Maru*.

Capt. J. R. S. Shinkwin, Army Service Corps, from Hongkong, has been appointed to Woolwich.

We take this opportunity of wishing our Chinese friends a Happy and Prosperous New Year—*Kung hei fat chey!*

Bishop Koss, of Osaka, passed through Hongkong by the *Tamba Maru* on Thursday en route to Japan.

Mr. Nagasaki, one of the Masters of Ceremonies at the Court of Japan, was a passenger by the *Tamba Maru*.

Dr. Hunter, the Government bacteriologist, and Mrs. Hunter returned to the Colony by the *Tamba Maru* on Thursday.

The late Mr. Archibald John Little, aged 70, of The Haven, Falmouth, a pioneer in British trade in China, left estate valued at £4,305.

Mr. A. J. Brackenbury, until recently Private Secretary to His Excellency the Governor (Sir Francis Lugard), leaves by the s.s. *Delhi* on Saturday to take up the important duties of Assistant Resident of Nyassaland, to which he has been appointed. He will carry with him the warmest wishes of the whole Colony for a bright and prosperous career.

The death is announced of Lieutenant-Colonel Frederick William Steel, D.S.O. Born in 1853, he entered the A.S.C. in 1876; Brevet Lt. Col. 1895; served in Egypt, 1882 (medal with clasp, Khedive's); Nile Expedition, 1884-85 (clasp); West Coast Africa, 1893-94 (despatches, medal with clasp); Gambia, 1894 (despatches, Brevet Lieut.-Col., D.S.O., clasp).

A special cable to the *Englishman* states that it is rumoured that Mr. Winston Churchill has been offered the Viceroyalty of India when Lord Minto vacates office. Mr. Churchill is said to rather favour the offer, his health being unequal to the present high pressure of his Parliamentary labours. In default of Mr. Churchill, Lord Lucas (formerly Mr. Ambrose Herbert) is also mentioned.

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PRESIDENT'S SALARY INCREASED.

(Exclusive Service, supplied by Reuters, via Bombay.)
LONDON, January 20.
A Washington message states that the Senate has voted an increase in the President's salary and travelling expenses from \$75,000 to \$100,000.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT AND ANTI-JAPANESE LEGISLATION.

CALIFORNIA'S "IRRITATING ACT."
(Exclusive Service, supplied by Reuters, via Bombay.)
LONDON, January 20.
President Roosevelt in his letter to the Governor of California respecting the Anti-Japanese Bill pointed out that the American-Japanese agreement was working in a most satisfactory manner in achieving the (at nominally desired by those who desired the exclusion of the Japanese) within a few years there would be more Japanese in America than there are Americans in Japan. Therefore there was no shadow of an excuse for irritating action of California, which was calculated to upset the Government and re-open the whole situation.

THE LATEST ELOPEMENT.

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S WISHES TO BE ACTED.
(Reuters Service to the Mail, Copyright protected under Ordinance 3 of 1909.)
LONDON, 21.
The Governor of California issued a statement to the effect after conferring with the members of the Legislature he is convinced that no Anti-Japanese legislation is justified, and he is satisfied that the efforts of the Federal Government and Japan to arrest immigration in his judgment it would be a mistake to enact Anti-Japanese legislation and the wishes of the Federal Government should and will be considered in California.

BRITISH ARMY AEROPLANE UNSUCCESSFUL FLIGHTS ALDERSHOT.

(Reuters Service to the China Mail, Copyright protected under Ordinance 3 of 1909.)
LONDON, January 21.
The re-modelled Army aeroplane made two short flights at Aldershot and then fell a distance of ten feet and smashed. Nobody was hurt.

SIR CECIL CLEMENTI SMITH.

Arrives To-day.

Sir Cecil Clementi Smith, one of the British delegates to the Opium Conference at Shanghai in February, arrived this morning by the S.S. *Devanha*, and is at present staying at Government House. Sir Cecil Clementi Smith, who looks hale and hearty, leaves again for the north by the S.S. *Devanha*.

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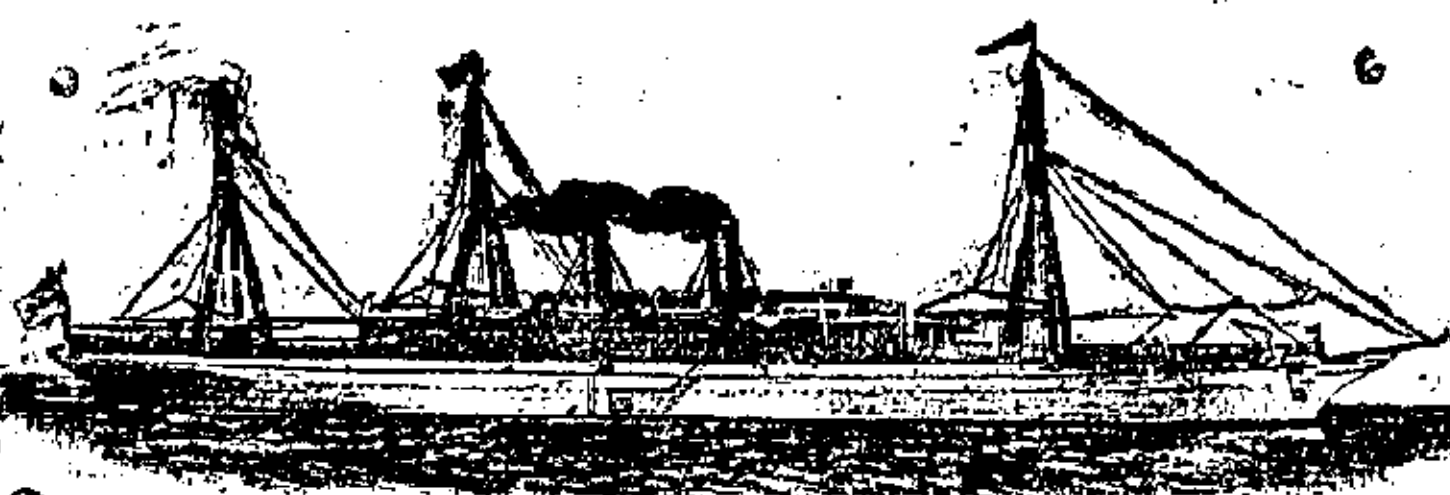
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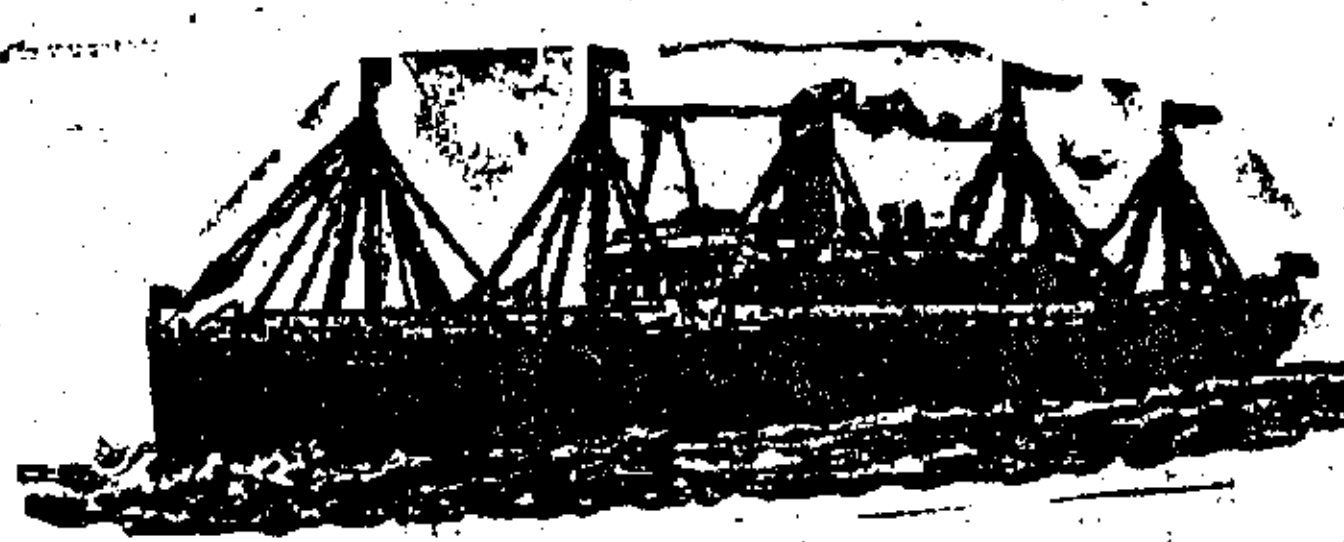
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* CHINA ... 10,200 "	TUESDAY, 23rd Feb., at Noon.
* MANCHURIA ... 27,000 "	TUESDAY, 2nd Mar., at Noon.
* CHIYO MARU ... 21,000 "	8th Mar., at Noon.
* ASIA ... 9,500 "	TUESDAY, 16th Mar., at Noon.
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MANILA	YUNGSANG	FRIDAY, Jan. 29, at 4 p.m.
SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA, KORE & MOJI	NAMSANG	THURSDAY, Feb. 4, at Noon.
MANILA	LOONGSANG	FRIDAY, Feb. 5, at 4 p.m.
SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA	FOOKSANG	TUESDAY, Feb. 9, at Noon.

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* AKI MARU, (Capt. J. Naga, Tons 6444) { TUESDAY, 2nd Feb., at Noon.

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* YAWATA MARU, (Capt. T. Sekine, Tons 3817) { FRIDAY, 19th Jan., at Noon.

* MOYORI MARU, (Capt. J. O. Richards, Tons 3265) { SATURDAY, 30th Jan., at Noon.

* TAMBA MARU, (Capt. C. H. Butler, Tons 6124) { SATURDAY, 23rd Jan., at Daylight.

* YOKOHAMA MARU, (Capt. K. Sato, Tons 3249) { MONDAY, 25th Jan., at Noon.

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